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May 7, 2025

VIA ECF

Hon. Denise L. Cote
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Granted.

A handwritten signature of Denise L. Cote in black ink.

May 8, 2025

Re: *Adams v. New York County District Attorney's Office et al.*
1:23-cv-10574 (DLC)

Dear District Judge Cote:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Muriel Goode-Trufant, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, representing Defendants New York County District Attorney's Office ("DANY") and City of New York ("City") in the above-referenced action. I write to respectfully request that the Court extend the deadline for Defendants to file their summary judgment motion from May 9, 2025 to May 30, 2025. Plaintiff consents to this request, and additionally requests to extend her deadline to oppose Defendants' motion from June 13, 2025 to July 25, 2025. Defendants therefore request two weeks to reply to Plaintiff's opposition, with a reply deadline of August 8, 2025. Finally, Defendants respectfully request that Your Honor so order the new subpoenas annexed to this motion as Exhibit "A." Defendants have annexed redacted copies and will follow up with unredacted copies via email to Your Honor's Chambers. Upon receiving word that the new subpoenas have been so ordered, Defendants will promptly send a representative to Your Honor's Chambers to retrieve the copies with wet signatures in order to serve them as practicable.

This is the second such request by Defendants. Your Honor previously granted the parties' extension request for summary judgment deadlines on April 23, 2025. See ECF No. 53. This extension is requested because while Defendants have been working diligently on their Local Civil Rule 56.1 Statement of Material Facts, we have not been able to obtain all of the medical records for which Your Honor so ordered subpoenas. Although Defendants promptly served the subpoenas, we subsequently learned they were defective due to errors in the contact information provided by Plaintiff. Defendants have attached to this motion as Exhibit "A" new subpoenas for

the outstanding medical records with updated address information that Defendants believe to be correct, and respectfully request that Your Honor so order them. Defendants must subpoena Plaintiff's medical records again because they could be critical to Defendants' arguments considering that Plaintiff brings disability discrimination claims. Defendants had been proceeding with their summary judgment briefing without the outstanding medical records, but it became clear as we proceeded with the briefing that we risked prejudicing ourselves by not being able to review Plaintiff's medical records.

For example, Plaintiff testified that it was her primary care physician ("PCP"), Dr. Keisha Bryant, who diagnosed her with the conditions she alleges to be her disabilities, but we have not received any information whatsoever as to the status of the medical records kept by Dr. Bryant because the address Plaintiff provided for Dr. Bryant does not appear to be her main office. Also, the doctor's note from Dr. Bryant that Plaintiff submitted along with her reasonable accommodation request indicated that Plaintiff's anxiety surrounding COVID-19, which she alleges was so severe as to require her to work remotely full-time, stemmed from the fact that she allegedly had three family members pass away from COVID-19 within the span of a week. However, at her deposition, Plaintiff testified that she, for some reason, could not remember the last names of her "dad's two cousins" who allegedly passed away, how old they were when they passed away, or on or about what dates they passed away. Plaintiff further testified that the third family member, her grandfather, did not pass away until May 2021, seven months after making her reasonable accommodation request. Plaintiff also testified that these individuals did not have funerals, and that she did not see or receive death certificates for these individuals. Plaintiff's testimony calls into question the reason for her purported anxiety that she claimed as a basis for her reasonable accommodation request, and Plaintiff's medical records from the mental health professionals she consulted with likely could provide material information as to her claims of anxiety.

Additionally, my supervisor will be away on a previously scheduled international trip from May 15 to 23, 2025. Finally, this is only the second federal summary judgment motion I have briefed, and I am still learning the intricacies of summary judgment motion practice. In addition to this summary judgment motion, I had an opposition to a baseless default motion due yesterday, May 6, 2025, in a case with complicated facts and a complex decision on representation of individual defendants. Accordingly, Defendants request that Your Honor so order the annexed subpoenas and request their summary judgment motion be due May 30, 2025; Plaintiff requests that her opposition be due July 25, 2025; and Defendants request that their reply be due two weeks after Plaintiff's opposition is filed, which would be August 8, 2025.

I thank the Court for its consideration and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven E. Smith
Assistant Corporation Counsel

cc: All Counsel of Record (via ECF)

EXHIBIT A

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2626 Charles Drive, Chalmette, LA 70043

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